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144SPECIAL INFORMATION REPORTDemonstration Scheduled Against the Agency for 28 April 1971

For the past two days leaflets have been circulated in Northern Virginia high schools publicizing the march activities targeted against the Agency for this afternoon. The group is to assemble at the Quaker Meeting House on Virginia Highway 193 at 2:00 p. m. From 2:00 to 3:00 there will be a training session in nonviolent civil disobedience, and at 3:30 the demonstrators will begin their march. If this schedule is followed, demonstrators should not reach Gate #1 until approximately 4:15 p. m. The number of participants may be swelled because of the effort in recent days among high school aged youth. The demonstration continues, however, to appear to be poorly organized and supported and will probably be lightly attended and totally nonviolent. It is not believed that this group, principally consisting of high school students, will attempt to force its way past the Agency's fence perimeter.

It is not likely that the demonstration against the Agency which is under the sponsorship of the Northern Virginia Mayday Tribe will be assisted by a significant number of demonstrators presently encamped in the West Potomac Park area. So far this week's protest activities announced many weeks ago are being conducted as scheduled. Monday, the 26th, was planned for the Capitol area and Tuesday, Selective Service Headquarters; aside from very slight peripheral protest activities, the demonstrations took place as scheduled. The activities listed for today are at the Internal Revenue Service in the 1100 block of Constitution Avenue (handy to West Potomac Park). If any of the West Potomac Park campers leave the center of the city, they will probably move east to meet the Poor People's caravan which is scheduled to arrive at the District line between 1 p. m. and 3:30 p. m.

As of 9 a. m. this morning, police reports reflect that 145 persons have thus far been arrested in the area of Selective Service Headquarters where day-long demonstrations took place yesterday and an all-night vigil last night. Demonstrators in the early morning hours today were blocking traffic in the area, hence prompting police action.

It has been reported that the crowd camping in the West Potomac Park area has grown, but modestly. Washington Metropolitan Police estimate that during the night, 27-28 April, between 1100 and 1200 campers spent the night in the area. (Fairfax County Police Department intelligence sources do not agree, placing the number at less than 300 at 11:50 p. m.)

United Press International wire service dated today offered one line only reflecting a demonstration to take place at CIA today. No additional details were provided in the one-line report.

If today's demonstration at the Langley Headquarters goes off on schedule, demonstrators will probably leaflet Agency employees as they leave for the day at 4:30.